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Mr. Taft says Col. Roosevelt is temperamentally an unsafe man for President, and Col. Roosevelt says Mr. Taft is feeble and unfit. A good many Republicans are disposed to agree with them and are hoping that their national convention will drop both and nominate some one who will have a show to win.

The bitter contest between those whom Damon and Pythias friends, President Taft and former President Roosevelt, for the Republican nomination, has reached the stage of personal crimination and recrimination, and much that was hidden in each other's solitude for the big trusts and special interests promises to be uncovered.

Champ Clark carried Massachusetts last Tuesday in the preferential primary by a vote of about two to one over Woodrow Wilson. Colorado also has instructed its delegates for Mr. Clark, and he is now far in the lead of any of the big Democrats aspiring to the presidential nomination. The prospects of Missouri furnishing the next President grow better each week.

The third-termers at the State Republican Convention in St. Louis last week outshined the Taftites, got control of the temporary organization, seated their contesting delegations, elected a full quota of Roosevelt delegates at large, and raped their promise to the Taftites not to instruct by voting instructions for "the greatest man since Adam," to use a Hadleyesque expression. This last turn of the Rooseveltian screw caused a howl among the already badly pinched Taftites, and they bolted to their headquarters at the Planters, held a little convention of their own, elected another set of delegates to the Chicago Convention and will carry the fight there.

President Roosevelt fastens one on Mr. Roosevelt. He had charged that when the latter was President he had shielded the Harvester Trust, the officers of which are now supporting him, by refusal or failure to institute proceedings against that trust. Mr. Roosevelt retorted with the allegation that Mr. Taft, who was then his Secretary of War, had approved his attitude toward the Harvester Trust and even made the motion in a Cabinet meeting that there should be no immediate prosecution. Mr. Taft vigorously denies the allegation, says he doesn't remember even having heard the subject discussed at a Cabinet meeting, and furthermore proves by dates and his movements that he was in the Philippines or out of the country at the time this action is said to have been taken by the Cabinet.

"There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed," said the Great Teacher, and now comes a revelation from the well-guarded secrets of the Roosevelt administration. It is well known that Colonel Roosevelt as President was persuaded by J. Pierpont Morgan, in a famous private interview at the White House, to allow the United States Steel Corporation (trust) to absorb the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company in violation of the anti-trust law, without fear of government molestation and prosecution; but it has not been known how far the Colonel went to protect the Steel Trust from investigation and prosecution. It has just been revealed, by no less a personage than Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of the Bureau of Corporations, that when the Senate started an investigation of that shady piece of high finance, and was preparing to call for papers from his department, Mr.

Roosevelt, then President, ordered him to have all papers and documents relating to the Steel Corporation carted over to the White House, where they were locked up and hidden in a vault in the basement, so that the Senate Investigating Committee could not get hold of them. That was certainly going some for the Steel Trust, and no wonder it is now standing by him in his striving for a third term.

"I can never forget that THE POWER I NOW EXERCISE WAS VOLUNTARILY TRANSFERRED FROM YOU TO ME; and that I am under obligations to you to see that YOUR PLEDGMENT IN SELECTING ME AS YOUR SUCCESSOR AND BRINGING ABOUT THE SELECTION shall be vindicated according to the standards which YOU AND I have always formulated."

This remarkable confession of a crooked deal and avowal of servility was written to Theodore Roosevelt by Wm. H. Taft after the latter's elevation to the presidency. Mr. Roosevelt in making public this letter in the bitter fight now being waged between these two political chums, convicts them both of treasonable conspiracy and usurpation of the power of the people temporarily placed in his hands, an act as subversive of the principles and purposes of our government as anything that can be imagined. It is a complete acknowledgment on the part of Mr. Taft and the acceptance of that acknowledgment by Mr. Roosevelt, that the former owed his nomination and election solely to the cunning of the latter as a Federal patronage dispenser and "big stick" boss, and not to the Republican party and the voters of that party who blindly followed the leadership of the big stick boss as a flock of sheep follows a shepherd. Servile as is the expression of gratitude by Mr. Taft—like that of a vassal to his lord—and as repugnant as it is to every sentiment of genuine manhood and independence, the facts are even more humiliating to the party that permitted Theodore Roosevelt to use and mold it as clay in a potter's hand. Is it not the imperative duty of the people to hurl from power a party whose trusted leaders so flagrantly betray the very essence of our system of government, that "government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth?"

Judge Charles B. Faris of Caruthersville, Judge of the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit, composed of Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, Scott, New Madrid and Pemiscot counties, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court. He is reputed to be one of the best equipped lawyers of the State, a man beyond reproach and one of the most popular judges that circuit ever had. That the lawyers and people are well satisfied with his official acts is evidenced by the very few appeals taken from his decisions. There are three judges to be elected, and another strong plea made for him is, that he is the only Southeast Missouri candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, and that this section is entitled to one representative on that bench. Because of his high standing as a lawyer and judge, Judge Faris is well worthy the careful consideration of the Democrats of this section.

Petitions are being circulated for a constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote in this State. About 24,000 signatures will be necessary to have the question submitted. A Columbia, Mo., report is that Dr. R. H. Jesse, former president of the State University, and Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, a prominent clubwoman of that city, will serve on the Executive Committee of the Community Welfare League, which is seeking to bring the question of woman suffrage before the voters of this State.

Mr. W. T. Haile announces himself this week as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer. Mr. Haile needs no introduction to the people of St. Francois county, as he was born and reared in the county, and for a number of years has been widely known as a successful business man, having been engaged in merchandising at Farmington and in the Lead Belt. Several years ago he served one term as County Treasurer, and was renominated, but went down with others of the ticket. He says he does not expect to make any canvass of the county before the primary, but simply desires to make his candidacy known and leave the result to his Democratic friends, and if nominated will do everything in his power to help carry the ticket through successfully at the November election. He will highly appreciate anything his friends may do for him.

County Surveyor Thomas H. Holman announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for reelection as County Surveyor. Mr. Holman has been Surveyor of this county for six years, and his record will bear the closest inspection. He has had twenty-four years experience in land surveying, and besides being a reliable and experienced surveyor is a man whose honesty and motives in his work cannot be questioned. The people of the county could not do better than to reelect him, and the Democrats would make a wise choice in nominating him for reelection, for he is as good a Democrat as he is a surveyor. He would appreciate the endorsement of another nomination and respectfully solicits the votes and influence of all Democrats at the primary.

FORGING TO THE FRONT.

The Washington correspondent of the Centralia (Mo.) Courier has the following good words for our Congressman:

"A young Congressman who is rapidly forging to the front in power and influence is Walter L. Hensley of the 11th District of Missouri. He is clear headed, industrious and intensely earnest, and withal a courteous, sociable gentleman who has won the respect and admiration of his colleagues. Every one who has become acquainted with him is favorably impressed with his rugged honesty and his devotion to his duties, and his praises are heard on every hand. He is a member of three important standing committees, Labor, Naval Affairs and Expenditures in the Interior Department. His influence for good has been felt in the deliberations of all three of these bodies. He has served as the head of subcommittees and taken the lead in some important investigations and discussions. We have personal knowledge of the facts that no member of any of these committees stands higher with the Chairman than Hensley. Although serving his first term, he has made some telling speeches on the floor, and is pointed out by old members as a coming man. Hensley takes a broad view of public questions and policies, and hews straight along the line of right in all he does."

Neff & Pennington's latest laugh creator, Casey Jones, is among the early theatrical attractions coming to this city. It is styled as a farce comedy with music. Casey Jones has made good in every city where it has been presented. It is witty, interesting, amusing and helps pass a pleasant evening. Although a comedy, it contains a plot which helps materially in holding its audience's attention. It is written around the adventures and funny experiences of one Casey Jones, an engineer of fame, and who finally triumphs over all obstacles and leads them all in the finish. It is not a low comedy but contains wit of a high class character which is clean and refined. The company are all capable performers in their respective parts and for an evening of real genuine pleasure see Casey Jones and you will be satisfied. Coming to the Opera House Friday, May 3d.

Professional jealousy between two doctors at Grandin was the cause of Dr. Watson shooting Dr. Campbell in the hip, and Dr. Campbell returned the shot, it taking effect in Dr. Watson's stomach. The latter was taken at once to a St. Louis hospital.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CLYDE H. TAVENER.

(Washington correspondence of The Times.)

Washington, April 29.—That the steel trust is willing to spend money to elect men to public office who are willing to serve it after they get into office, is again being demonstrated. When Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United States he permitted the Steel Trust to absorb its principal rival, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. This permission to violate the law was worth millions of dollars to the steel trust, because it practically assured the trust a monopoly, leaving it free, by the simple process of tightening the screws of the public, to extort most any price it desired for its products.

The absorption of the Tennessee Company by the steel trust was in direct violation of both the spirit and the letter of the law. No one denies this. Not even the attorneys for the steel trust contend now, or ever did contend, that the deal was legal.

This is not the only favor Theodore Roosevelt did for the steel trust, or the Harvester trust, at the request of Geo. W. Perkins, then partner of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Roosevelt's commissioner of corporations investigated the Harvester trust, found it illegal, but at the suggestion of Mr. Perkins, the report was not made public.

The most exhaustive search of the records of Congress during the years that Roosevelt was president fails to show the passage of a single measure that even in the most remote manner affected the monopoly or the huge dividends of the steel trust. Hundreds of such measures were introduced in both the House and Senate while Mr. Roosevelt was president. Each and every one was chloroformed in committee, and Mr. Roosevelt never raised his voice in protest.

Mr. Roosevelt is now a candidate for office. Every politician in the land is aware that he is spending more money to obtain delegates than any candidate for the presidency has spent in the last quarter century. Where is this money coming from? Let us see.

Evon Huntington Hooker, treasurer of the Roosevelt League, has just filed with the Secretary of State of New York a list of contributors to the Roosevelt campaign fund. This sworn affidavit reveals that in the City of New York alone, Geo. W. Perkins, organizer of the Harvester trust and director of the steel trust, spent \$15,000. Frank A. Munsey, the largest individual holder of the steel trust's common stock in the country, contributed \$15,000 more. Thirty thousand dollars of steel trust money spent in a city of one state alone, and there are 48 states in the Union! This sworn statement shows that in New York City \$50,126.75 was spent to get about 15,000 Roosevelt votes, or practically \$4 a vote.

Senator Stephenson spent only half as much per vote in Wisconsin, and it was declared that he thus debauched American standards, and should not be permitted to occupy a seat in the Senate.

The point of this article, however, is that the steel trust stands by its friends.

Money for Good Roads.
Less government money for battleships and useless political navy yards, and more for improvement of the public roads.

Every day the wisdom of this proposition is appealing more strongly to the national lawmakers. In fact, it is being made to appeal more strongly to them by the agitation of the subject by the farmers in all parts of the country. It is only a question of short time until agitation of the subject will find expression in legislation.

The champions of road improvements do not want, and do not demand that any new expense be saddled on the government treasury. Their program is the essence of simplicity and reasonableness, for all they ask is that the government use money which is being wasted to give the nation better highways.

The federal government of this country has never taken much interest in road building, and in this respect is behind all foreign nations, everyone of which has roads which put us to shame. Wagon roads, like waterways and railways, are the commercial arteries of a nation. They must be in good condition if the commercial health of the country is to be good. Improved roads, as compared to unimproved roads, lessen the distance from farm to railway station more than one half. Land ten miles from a shipping station on bad roads, will rent and sell for an almost doubled amount if the roads are made good in every way.

The good roads idea is gradually becoming of greater political significance, and therein lies the hope of the friends of the movement, because whatever action is taken must have its source in Congress.


An Astounding Condition.

The supplementary report of the Stanley Investigating committee, just made public, shows that 23 men—officers and directors of the Steel Trust—are in absolute domination of a corporate wealth of \$35,321,153,000. These 23 men, virtually control, through interlocking boards of directors and officerships, all the great railroad systems, street railways, express and telegraph companies, steamship companies, the large industrial corporations, a system of powerful banks and trust companies, and the big insurance companies.

The total wealth of this nation is only a little over three times the sum that these 23 men control absolutely. Comprehend the situation if you can: Twenty-three men shown by an official government report to be actually in control of more wealth than 30,000,000 of their fellow (?) American citizens combined. It is almost unbelievable that such a state of affairs could exist in a republic. The danger lies in whether the people, being warned of the disease, will permit it to go on.

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M. A. PATTERSON authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Assessor.

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LAURENCE O. WELLS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary.

EVERETT PRATTE authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary.

T. W. MARTIN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Prosecuting Attorney.

F. A. BENHAM authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Democratic primary.

JERRY B. BURKS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Treasurer.

CLARENCE L. ALEXANDER authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary.

W. T. HAILE authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary.

For County Judge—First Dist.

J. W. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the First district, subject to the Democratic primary.

THOMAS G. MITCHELL authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the First district, subject to the Democratic primary.

Judge County Court—Second Dist.

M. T. MOORE authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the Second district, subject to the Democratic primary.

GEORGE R. JORDAN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Justice of the County Court in the Second district, subject to the Democratic primary.

For County Coroner.

DR. J. H. ENGLISH authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Coroner, subject to the Democratic primary.

For Constable.

N. A. BUCHANAN authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for Constable of St. Francois township, subject to the Democratic primary.

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